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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROPOSE ELIMINATION OF TRAILER PARK TAX

FREDERICK, MD – At the request of Commissioner Kirby Delauter of the Frederick Board of County Commissioners, the board will take to public hearing a proposal to eliminate the trailer park tax currently included in the Frederick County Government FY2013 Operating Budget.

The hearing will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 19, in the first floor hearing room of Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, Md.

The county code specifies that persons licensed to operate an automobile trailer court must collect a tax of 15 percent of “charges for the rental, lease or use of any space, facilities or accommodations or for the providing of any services” (Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 24, Section 9-104). In actual practice, the trailer park operator remits a 15 percent tax on his or her monthly receipts to the county.

The funds raised from the trailer park tax amount to less than \$100,000 per year since 2009.

Commissioner Delauter commented, “While I was reviewing the county’s operating budget line-by-line and considering ways to reduce the burden placed on taxpayers, I noticed this trailer park tax. After we received comments from our Finance Division regarding the impact of the tax, I felt that it was overly burdensome to target this segment of our county. Mobile home parks are usually places for those with limited resources and they could use some tax relief. One of my goals as a county commissioner is to reduce the tax and regulatory burden on taxpayers and businesses, and I believe that this is one area where we could eliminate the tax revenue to help these citizens while not adversely affecting the services we provide to all our citizens.”

The financial implication to the FY2013 budget is a revenue reduction of approximately \$88,000.

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